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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SPRING TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial spring troll fishery:

The spring troll areas and Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) listed below will **open at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2012 and will remain open until further notice:**

Ketchikan (101-29)	West Behm (101-90)	Neets Bay THA (101-95)
Clarence Strait (106-20)	Steamer Point (106-30)	Ernest Sound (107-10)
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	Port Armstrong THA (109-11)	Frederick Sound (110-31)
Chatham Strait (112-12)	Hidden Falls THA (112-22)	Sitka Sound (113-41)

The spring troll areas listed below will be open according to the following schedule. All areas will open at 12:01 a.m. of the opening date and close at 11:59 p.m. of the closing date. The openings may be extended if the Alaska hatchery contributions are high. Information on extensions will be given in a future news release. The 2012 Spring Troll Management Plan is available online and in area offices.

SCHEDULE OF INITIAL TROLL OPENINGS:

Petersburg/Wrangell area:

Sumner Strait (105-41)	May 1-2
Snow Pass (106-41)	May 3-5

Chatham Strait:

Little Port Walter (109-10)	May 2-4
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Pelican area:

Lisianski Inlet (113-95)	May 1-3
Port Althorp (114-50)	May 1-3

The following Pelican areas will open May 1-5:

Hawk Inlet (112-65)	Stag Bay (113-97)	Cross Sound (114-21)
South Passage (114-23)	Homeshore (114-25)	Point Sophia (114-27)

Sitka area:

Redoubt Bay (113-30)	May 1-2
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Initial openings in other spring troll areas will be announced in future news releases. The Salisbury Sound and Tebenkof Bay spring areas will open on Monday, May 7. The West Rock, Point Alava, Kendrick Bay, and Western Channel spring areas will open initially during the week of May 13.

AREA DESCRIPTIONS:

Ketchikan Areas

West Rock (Fishery Area 101-21): The waters of Section 1-F south of a line from the westernmost tip of Pt. White located on Duke Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island located on the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay at 54°54.13' N. lat, 131°58.37' W. long, and north of the latitude of Barren Island (54°44.75' N. lat) and north and west of a line from Barren Island to Yellow Rocks to a point two miles east of Duke Pt. at the latitude of Duke Pt. (54°55.12' N. lat, 131°08.34' W. long).

Ketchikan Area (Fishery area 101-29): Waters of Clarence Strait and Nichols Passage north of a line from the westernmost tip of Pt. White located on Duke Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island located on the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay at 54°54.13' N. lat, 131°58.37' W. long, and south of a line from the easternmost tip of Narrow Pt. to the northernmost tip of Lemesurier Pt.; Tongass Narrows north of the latitude of Rosa Reef light and south of a line from Pt. Higgins to the southernmost point on the peninsula at the eastern entrance to Bond Bay; in Revillagigedo Channel and George Inlet south of the latitude of the George Inlet cannery site at 55°23.00' N. lat; and north of a line from 55°13.60' N. lat, 131°17.30' W. long (approximately 1 mile south of Cone Point), to Harbor Point. Waters of Felice Strait are closed east of a line from Pt. White to Survey Pt. Waters within 3,000 feet of Annette Island Reserve are closed.

Point Alava (Fishery Area 101-41): Waters of Revillagigedo Channel north of a line from a point on Annette Is. at the southernmost tip of the northern entrance to Crab Bay (approximately 55°06.55' N. lat) to the prominent point on Mary Is. (approximately 55°05.25' N. lat) to Mary Is. Light to the northernmost tip of Black Is., then due east to the mainland shore to the easternmost tip of Pt. Alava, and south of the Ketchikan Area boundary that is located approximately one mile south of Cone Point. Waters within 3,000 feet of Annette Island Reserve are closed.

West Behm Canal (Fishery area 101-90): Waters of West Behm Canal enclosed by a line from Brow Pt. to a point 1 mile west of Brow Pt. at 55°50.13' N. lat, 131°44.16' W. long), then south to a point at 55°43.92' N. lat, 131°45.44' W. long (located 1 mile west of the northernmost tip of Bushy Pt.), then south to a point at 55°39.09' N. lat, 131°44.69' W. long (located 1 mile west of Escape Pt.), to the northernmost tip of Grant Is., then due east to a point on the Revillagigedo Is. shoreline, including all waters of Naha and Moser Bays.

Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 101-95): In Neets Bay, east of a longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island to the closed waters area at the head of the bay. From the second Sunday in June through August 1, the area will be expanded to include waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point to the closed waters at the head of the bay [(5 AAC 33.370(b)(5)].

Clarence Strait (Fishery area 106-20): Waters of Section 6-D south of a line from Luck Pt. to Pt. Stanhope, including waters of Rocky Bay, Cooney Cove, Mosman Inlet, Burnett Inlet, and McHenry Inlet.

Kendrick Bay (Fishery area 102-10): Waters of Clarence Strait north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of the northern entrance to Stone Rock Bay at 54°46.13' N. lat, south of a line from the westernmost tip of Pt. White located on Duke Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island located on the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay at 54°54.13' N. lat, 131°58.37' W. long, and west of the Districts 1/2 boundary.

Wrangell and Prince of Wales Areas

Sumner Strait (Fishery area 105-41): In District 6, the waters of Sumner Strait west of a line from Point Colpoys Light to the southernmost tip of Mitchell Point and in District 5, the waters of Sumner Strait north of a line at the latitude of the northernmost tip of the northern Barrier Island.

Steamer Point (Fishery area 106-30): In Stikine Strait, only in those waters of Sections 6-C and 6-D north and east of a line from the southwesternmost tip of Point Nesbitt to Key Reef Light to Point Harrington.

Snow Pass (Fishery area 106-41): The waters of Sections 6-B, 6-C and 6-D north of a line from Luck Point to Point Stanhope and west and south of a line from the southwesternmost tip of Point Nesbitt to Key Reef Light to Point Harrington.

Ernest Sound (Fishery Area 107-10): The waters of District 7 west of 131°56.00' W. long. The waters of Anita Bay THA are excluded.

Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 107-35): Includes those waters of Anita Bay west of a line from Anita Point to a point on Etolin Island at 56°14.26' N. lat, 132°23.92' W. long.

As amended during the 2012 BOF meeting in Ketchikan, from June 15 through July 10, the waters within one-quarter mile of the northern shoreline of Anita Bay west of a line from 56°12.31' N. lat, 132°26.22' W. long, to 56°12.06' N. lat, 132°26.22' W. long, and east of a line from 56°11.96' N. lat, 132°29.58' W. long, to 56°11.73' N. lat, 132°29.36' W. long, will be open.

NOTE: (1) From June 15 through June 25, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.22' W. long, are closed to the harvest of salmon; (2) From June 26 through July 1, the waters of Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.98' W. long, are closed to the harvest of salmon.

Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound Areas

Little Port Walter (Fishery area 109-10): In Chatham Strait, only in those waters of Section 9-A south of the latitude of Patterson Point Light and north of 56°15.83' N. lat (located immediately south of Graveyard Cove), including all waters of Patterson Bay, Deep Cove, Port Herbert, Port Walter, Port Lucy, and Port Conclusion.

Port Armstrong Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery Area 109-11): waters of Port Armstrong west of a line from Point Eliza at 56°17.73' N. lat, 134°38.75' W. long, to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 56°17.98' N. lat, 134°38.35' W. long.

Tebenkof Bay (Fishery Area 109-62): In Section 9-B, the waters of Tebenkof Bay south of the latitude of Point Ellis (56°33.12' N. lat), north of the latitude of Point Harris Light (56°17.41' N lat, 134°17.96' W. long) and east of 134°24.00' W. long.

Frederick Sound (Fishery area 110-31): In Frederick Sound, those waters north and east of a line from the westernmost tip of Point Macartney to 57°06.00' N. lat, 134°03.35' W. long, south and east of a line from 57°06.00' N. lat, 134°03.35' W. long, to McDonald Rock buoy; south of the line from McDonald Rock buoy to the point of land on the mainland east of Entrance Island at 57°25.32' N. lat, 133°25.63' W. long, and north and west of a line from the northernmost tip of Boulder Point to Point Highland. Waters of Port Houghton east of 133°11.00' W. long, are closed.

NOTE: Beginning June 1, the Frederick Sound area will be extended to include those waters of District 10 that are north and west of a line from Wood Point (56°59.75' N. lat, 132°56.95' W. long) to Beacon Point excluding waters of Farragut Bay north and east of a line from Bay Point to Grand

Point and also excluding those waters of Thomas Bay that are north and east of a line from Point Vandeput (57°01.25' N. lat, 133°00.00' W. long) to Wood Point.

Chatham Strait (Fishery Area 112-12): The waters of Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound south of the latitude of Point Hepburn, including the waters of Freshwater Bay, Tenakee Inlet, and Kelp Bay, and excluding the waters of the Hidden Falls Terminal Area (112-22); waters north of Point Ellis (56°33.12' N. lat), including Keku Strait and Port Camden and west of the District 9/10 boundary (the southernmost tip of Elliot Island to Point McCartney); waters of Peril Strait and Hoonah Sound north of Pogibshi Point. Waters south of the latitude of Point Ellis (56°33.12' N. lat) are excluded.

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 112-22): In Chatham Strait, only those waters of Section 12-A within two nautical miles of the Baranof Island shoreline south of the latitude of South Point and north of 57°06.83' N. lat (south of Takatz Bay) excluding waters of Kelp Bay (5 AAC 33.374(a)).

Sitka Area

Western Channel (Fishery area 113-01): In waters of Sitka Sound northeast of a line from Kulichkof Rock to Vitskari Island Light to a point on Kruzof Island at 57°03.42' N. lat, 135°36' W. long, south of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat, 135°35.00' W. long, to 57°01.50' N. lat, 135°24.25' W. long (the intersection of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat, 135°35.00' W. long through The Eckholms Light, with a line from the southernmost tip of Makhnati Island to Kulichkof Rock), to Kulichkof Rock.

Redoubt Bay (Fishery area 113-30): In waters of Sitka Sound south of a line from the westernmost tip of Cape Burunof to Kulichkof Rock and east and north of a line from Kulichkof Rock to the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Viesokoi Rock to a point on Baranof Island at 56°51.72' N. lat, 135°23.21' W. long.

Biorka Island (Fishery area 113-31) modified area: In waters of Sitka Sound south and east of a line from the **northernmost tip of Hanus Point to the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island**, south and west of a line from the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Viesokoi Rock to a point on Baranof Island at 56°51.72' N. lat, 135°21.' W. long, to the southernmost point on Torsar Island to the northernmost point on Legma Island to the southernmost point on Legma Island, and north and east of a line from the southernmost point on Legma Island to the southernmost point on Liesnoi Island to Point Woodhouse.

Goddard Area (Fishery area 113-32) new area: In waters enclosed by a line from Baranof Island at 56°51.42' N. lat, 135°23.50' W. long, to the southernmost point on Torsar Island to the northernmost point on Legma Island to the northernmost tip of Elovai Island, and north and west of a line from 56°49.47' N. lat, 135°23.05' W. long, to a point on Baranof Island at 56°49.63' N. lat, 135°22.51' W. long.

Sitka Sound Area (Fishery area 113-41): The waters of Sitka Sound, including Krestof Sound and Neva Strait south of 57°15.00' N. lat, and north and east of a line from the westernmost tip of Cape Burunof to Kulichkof Rock to 57°01.50' N. lat, 135°24.25' W. long (the intersection of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat, 135°35.00' W. long through The Eckholms Light with a line from the southernmost tip of Makhnati Island to Kulichkof Rock), to a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat, 135°35.00' W. long, including the waters of Nakwasina Passage, Nakwasina Sound, Katlian Bay. The waters of Silver Bay will be open with the exception of Bear Cove, which is closed east of a line from a point on the south shore at 57°00.77' N. lat, 135°09.08' W. long, to the north shore at 57°00.94' N. lat, 135°09.23' W. long.

The waters of the Deep Inlet THA, as described below, are included in the Sitka Sound area through May 26. From May 27 through June 16, the waters of Deep Inlet west of 135°20.75' W. long, will be included in the Sitka Sound area. On June 17, all waters of the Deep Inlet THA will be excluded from the Sitka

Sound area for the remainder of season. From May 27 through June 30, the waters of the Deep Inlet THA described above will be managed on a rotational gear fishing schedule which was announced in a previous news release on April 18.

Deep Inlet THA: Deep Inlet, Aleutkina Bay, and contiguous waters south of a line from a point west of Pirates Cove at 56°59.35' N. lat, 135°22.63' W. long, to the westernmost tip of Long Island to the easternmost tip of Long Island to the westernmost tip of Emgeten Island to the westernmost tip of Error Island to the westernmost tip of Berry Island to the southernmost tip of Berry Island to the westernmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group to the easternmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group to the westernmost tip of an unnamed island at 57°00.30' N. lat, 135°17.67' W. long to a point on the southern side of the unnamed island at 57°00.08' N. lat, 135°16.78' W. long and then to a point on the Baranof Island Shore at 56°59.93' N. lat 135°16.53' W. long. Waters of Sandy Cove will be closed.

Salisbury Sound (Fishery area 113-62): In waters of Peril Strait south of the latitude of Pogibshi Point at 57°30.50' N. lat, waters of Salisbury Sound east of 135°46.00' W. long, and waters of Sukoi Strait and Neva Strait north of 57°15.00' N. lat.

North Chatham Strait and Icy Strait Areas

Northern Chatham Strait Enhanced Chum (Fishery area 112-16) new area: In waters enclosed by a line from 58° 11.29' N. lat, 134° 53.27' W. long, to 58° 10.40' N. lat, 135° 02.63' W. long, to 58° 07.78' N. lat, 135° 00.78' W. long, to 58° 05.81' N. lat, 134° 47.09' W. long.

Lisianski Inlet (Fishery area 113-95) modified area: In Section 13-A, in waters of Lisianski Inlet south of a **line from Dace Rock to a point on Yakobi Island at 58°05.48' N. lat**, and east of a line from a point on Yakobi Island at 58°00.67' N. lat, 136°20.62' W. long, to the southernmost tip of Miner Island at 58°00.46' N. lat, 136°20.27' W. long, to the northernmost tip of Rock Point at 58°00.17' N. lat, 136°21.18' W. long.

Stag Bay (Fishery area 113-97): In waters of Lisianski Strait north of a line from Point Theodore through Point Urey and south and west of a line from a point on Yakobi Island at 58°00.67' N. lat, 136°20.62' W. long, to the southernmost tip of Miner Island at 58°00.46' N. lat, 136°20.27' W. long, to the northernmost tip of Rock Point at 58°00.17' N. lat, 136°21.18' W. long, including the waters of Stag Bay.

Cross Sound (Fishery area 114-21): In the waters of Section 14-A west of the longitude of the southernmost tip of Point Dundas (136°16.75' W. long), south of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Point Dundas (58°19' N. lat) and east of the longitude of the southernmost tip of Taylor Island to 58°10.00' N. lat, then east to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

South Passage (Fishery area 114-23): In waters of Icy Strait south and east of a line extending from the prominent point on northeastern side of the Inian Peninsula at 58°13.43' N. lat, 136°16.75' W. long, to the westernmost tip of Lemesurier Island to the northernmost tip of Lemesurier Island to Point Gustavus and north and west of the northern and western boundaries of the Homeshore and Point Sophia areas, including the waters of Icy Passage.

Homeshore (Fishery area 114-25) new area: In waters of District 114 only in the waters of Icy Strait, east of the longitude of Noon Pt. (135°32.20' W. long) west of 135°09.60' W. long, and north of a line from Hanus Reef Light to the northern tip of the northernmost island of the Sisters Islands at 58°10.90' N. lat, 135°15.58' W. long, to a point one mile offshore at the longitude of Point Adolphus (Point Sophia area northern boundary).

Point Sophia (Fishery area 114-27) new area: In Sections 14-B, 14-C, and 12-A, in waters of Icy Strait and Chatham Strait bounded by a line from Point Adolphus (58°17.25' N. lat, 135°47.00' W. long) to a point

one-mile due north of Point Adolphus to the northern tip of the northernmost island of the Sisters Islands at 58°10.90' N. lat, 135°15.58' W. long, to Hanus Reef Light to the western Hawk Inlet area boundary at a line from 58° 07.78' N. lat, 135° 00.78' W. long, to the northernmost tip of Point Augusta.

Port Althorp (Fishery area 114-50) modified area: In waters of Section 14-A in Lisianski Inlet north of a **line from Dace Rock to a point on Yakobi Island at 58°05.48' N. lat**, and in Cross Sound and Lisianski Inlet bounded by a line from Soapstone Point (58°06.36' N. lat, 136°29.96' W. long), to the Cape Spencer light, then east at the latitude of 58°10.00' N. lat to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

Hawk Inlet (Fishery area 112-65) new area: In waters enclosed by a line from 58°05.81' N. lat, 134°47.09' W. long, to 58°07.78' N. lat, 135° 00.78' W. long, to the northernmost tip of Point Augusta, and north of the latitude of Point Hepburn (58°56.42' N. lat), including waters of Hawk Inlet.

CODED-WIRE-TAGGED FISH

The heads of all adipose fin-clipped salmon must remain attached to the fish until the fish are sold [5 AAC 29.140 (b)]. Permit holders who freeze their catch onboard are asked to contact the department prior to fishing so that sampling and fish ticket issues can be discussed. An Exemption Permit is required to allow the removal of heads from Chinook salmon harvested in the spring areas prior to delivery.

CATCH REPORTING

It is extremely important to keep fish caught in different fishery areas separated so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel. In order to maximize the harvest of Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon in the spring fisheries, catches must be reported accurately. If more than one area or fishery is fished, or fish are kept for more than one period, each troller and tender is required to keep and report these catches separately on separate fish tickets (5AAC 29.130). The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets, as well as dates that the fishing trip started and ended. All fish legally retained in the commercial salmon troll fishery, whether for sale or retained for **personal use** (condition code 95) **must be recorded on a fish ticket**. Coho salmon may not be retained until June 15, unless an earlier date is announced in a future news release. That date is one of several pending regulation changes adopted at the 2012 Board of Fisheries meeting.

NEW REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

During the Board of Fisheries (BOF) meeting held in Ketchikan from February 24–March 4, new regulations were adopted that will affect the management of the 2012 spring troll fisheries. *These new regulations may not take effect until sometime in June. The department will issue a News Release announcing when the new regulations go into effect.*

GROUND FISH BYCATCH

Fishermen are reminded that the season for lingcod bycatch opens in the salmon troll fishery on May 16. The lingcod season will remain open through November 30, or until lingcod area allocations are taken, whichever occurs first. All lingcod retained must measure at least 27 inches from tip of snout to the tip of the tail, or 20.5 inches from the front of the dorsal fin to the tip of the tail. Salmon trollers may not retain lingcod in the waters of Sitka Sound as defined in 5 AAC 28.150 (a). For additional information on groundfish bycatch in the salmon troll fishery, refer to the department news release issued on April 23 or contact the groundfish staff in Sitka at 907-747-6688.

The emergency orders corresponding with this announcement are 1EO312, 1EO412, 1SO412, 1SO512, and 1SO612.

The troll fishery website can be found at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon>.

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